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My dear Bishop -

I have a letter from
Adams Akm, interesting that
the Ch. will not be ready
at the time I have appointed
for visitation there - The only reason
for separating it from the others
around was the desire at Akm
that the Church as renewed might
be so opened - I think you had
better include it in your visitation
& perhaps make that group the
last - I shall go to Mansfield,
Worster & Mephton - I recd your
enclosure of Ganters letter - We must
think again of somebody for Rega

I will thank you to send me
a copy of the W. E. of week before
last containing my Article on
the Christian Duty in these times
I have a long letter from Dr
Andrews - He was grieved by it -
Did you see any thing in it
too wake - Be candid - He
speaks with pain of our Presidents
going to the war - I will copy the
first part -

perhaps
"The saddest", which I have had
in all these times of unparalleled affliction
have been called forth by the last W. E.
"There was no fleeing for life" from our
camp. though some of the students who left
were active abolitionists - Then the account
of the Pres. my relative, throwing up his
arms & heading an armed band to come
here - the scenes in Sunday, & then your

own appeal to the public - This appeal
contemplates no more I presume than
the protection of the Capital & the Gov.
(to which extent I justify the North fully)
& not the recovery of the seceded States
even to recover the treasury amount of
public property & places which lie within
them - But if you would encourage
this mission, there is only one
word - He proceeds to express his opposition
to secession - & his expectation that he
will have to leave Va. & his fear that
he can find no refuge where his views
will be in sympathy with others -
he is as much opposed to a coercion
policy as a secession -

If you get from any body a genuine
statement of the cause of the Exodus
of the Southern Students, more favorable
than we have rec^d it would be
well to publish it - Poor Andrews I
pity him & all our brethren, as I do

all the land must previously to
be visited -

Yours very affectionately
C. P. M.

Please have the enclosed inserted in
the W. Ep -

I'm reading more thoroughly Dr. A's letter
I see the following which puts a very modi-
fied view on my letter - "Your address is in
an excellent spirit & every particular sentiment
& sentence sound & good, yet the tendency
as a whole seems to be to give false notions
of religion to what all here regard as a crowd
upon our homes & lives - This I know is
farthest possible from your intention" &c
This letter is very touching & makes
our hearts ache for the awful con-
dition of things - Do me from Mr. Polk